Sick Industrial Units

1728. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that credit given by the various industrial finance corporations is locked upto the extent of 20 per cent in sick industrial units;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the class, the nature and the end products of the industries that usually become sick and are closed; and

(c) what remedial measures the Government propose to take for re-opening the sick mills and also for the purpose of recovering the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Information with regard to the credit given by the various industrial finance corporations to sick industrial units is not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

(b) Industrial sickness is not confined to any particular industry. However as per the information available from RBI in respect of large scale sick units, the textile industry has the largest number of sick units followed by Engineering and Electricals, sugar, Jute, Iron & Steel, Chemicals etc.

(c) The Central Government have laid down policy guidelines in October, 1981 for the guidance of Ministries/ Departments of the Government, banks and financial institutions for revival and rehabilitation of sick units, the salient features of which have been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 on 15.7.1982.

The banks and financial institutions make efforts to recover their dues from the units assisted by them, by providing relief and drawing up rehabilitation programmes in case of potentially viable units so as to restore them to health and eventually recover the dues. In cases where units are considered non-viable, banks/ financial institutions safeguard their interests by recalling the advances, enforcing the securities and filing legal suits for recovery of their dues.

Collaboration Arrangement for distributed Digital Control System

1729. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a distributed digital control system for power stations has since been developed in India indigenously by the Corporate Research Development Division of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Hyderabad and has already been installed at the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board's Hydro-electric plant in Srisailam and in Midhani's captive power plant; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for entering into a collaboration arrangement with the Brown Bovery of Switzerland to manufacture the same system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) Corporate Research and Development Division of BHEL has not developed a Distributed Digital Control System. It has developed a Programmable Logic Controller which has been installed at Srisailam Hydro Electric Plant and Midhani Steel Rolling Mill.

(b) BHEL has entered into a collaboration agreement with Brown Bovery of Switzerland for Distributed Digital Control System, which has not been developed indigenously.